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## **GENERAL MEAGHER'S DISPATCHES**

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### **News Flashes:**

- **Meeting Attendance:** In the world of ZOOM, attending a division meeting is so easy ... How easy? You don't have to leave the comfort of your home. Just click on the link and you're there! Each month you received three email reminders: (1) a "Call to Meeting", (2) the access link, and (3) the agenda. Please join us on 18 May
- **Former Division Financial Secretary Bill Gilhooly** moved to Midlothian and transferred division membership to the Major James Dooley Division, Bill joined the AOH in 2011, received the Shamrock Degree that year and the Major Degrees in 2012. Bill was elected Financial Secretary for fraternal year 2012 and for three consecutive years thereafter. An active and engaged Brother, his energy will be missed. We all wish Bill and Rosemary all the best in their new home.

- **New Book: *When the Irish Invaded Canada***, by Christopher Klein. An excellent book chronicling the schism within the Fenian Brotherhood, the quest for a free and independent Ireland, and a little U.S. Presidential treachery. A facet of Irish-American history not well known to many. Review Chris Klein's presentation on U.S. history surrounding the multiple invasions: [https://youtu.be/-HFWVb\\_LqNA](https://youtu.be/-HFWVb_LqNA)
- **Has Hasbro sold out to the Brits?** Hasbro is really "WOKE" now. Last month it was a "gender issue" with Mr. Potato head. Now, they've banned words from the board game Scrabble. It's a long list of banned words considered to be racial or ethnic slurs including words like "*Fenian*" (some of my best friends are Fenians -- Erin go Bragh!!).
- **Free Original Glazed® doughnut from Krispy Kreme** – just show your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card



- **Memorial Day 31 May:** A federal holiday for honoring and mourning the military personnel who died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May. Flags should be flown at half-mast until noon. A national moment of silence takes place at 3:00 PM local time.
- **USS Patrick Gallagher (DDG-127)** Bath Iron Works started construction in November 2018. It will be an *Arleigh Burke*-class Flight IIA guided missile destroyer. Christening is TBD
- **This Irish Cream Cheesecake --even a Hibernian can do it!**
- What you will need:

- For the crust
    - 6 ounces Graham Crackers (170 grams) (or Digestive biscuits if you can't find any)
    - A pinch of Salt
    - 3 tablespoons Unsalted Butter, melted
    - 2 tablespoons Bailey's Irish Cream
  - For the cream cheese layer
    - 8 ounces Cream Cheese (225 grams)
    - ⅓ cup Powdered Sugar
    - ⅓ cup Irish Cream (80 ml)
    - 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
    - ½ cup Heavy Cream (120 ml)
  - Toppings (optional)
    - Chocolate Shavings
    - Caramel Sauce
    - Chocolate Sauce
    - Whipped Cream
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- Crush the crackers (or biscuits) in a food processor (or in a Ziploc bag using rolling pin). Transfer them into a bowl. Add a pinch of salt, melted butter and Irish cream. Mix together with a spatula until well combined.
  - Press the mixture into a 7-inch springform pan, lined with baking parchment (ideally bottom + sides). Make sure it is pressed well. If it's not, the crust won't hold its shape after slicing.
  - Transfer the pan into the freezer.
  - Meanwhile: In a mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients apart from heavy cream. Use a hand mixer to achieve a smoother texture. Then whip the cream until stiff peaks form and fold it into the cream cheese mixture.
  - Take the spring-form pan out of the freezer and pour the cream cheese mixture over the crust. Spread around evenly. Cover with cling film and refrigerate for about 3 hours (or overnight) before serving.
  - Toppings are completely optional – use chocolate shavings, sprinkles, caramel sauce, whipped cream to decorate the cheesecake.





***The Celt would forfeit his title to the respect of the civilized world, did he not fight with all his heart and all his soul and all his cunning against the empire which has despoiled him and murdered his kin, now with arms, now with artificial famine. There can be no peace between the two people until either Ireland is a desert or is free. There can be neither truce nor compromise.***

### **What's Up in the north of Ireland?**

Arlene Foster's resignation was forced by DUP lack of confidence in her ability to lead in the aftermath of BREXIT. Ironically, her resignation became effective two days before the 100th anniversary of the Partition of Ireland (3 May 1921).

The divide between the north of Ireland and England is weaker now, while the connection with the Irish Republic is becoming stronger. Keep in mind that a significant majority in the north voted to remain in the European Union. London ignored that vote and as a result attitudes in the north may be shifting toward reunification.

As I mentioned in my latest communique, Unionist/Loyalist supporters feel betrayed by the Irish Protocol. They are using the threat of further chaos and rioting to gain London's attention and a public demonstration of its support for Unionists. Also, they hope to coerce London into negotiating changes to the protocol. After a few weeks of scattered riots there are rumors of UK and EU discussions on crafting a new document to provide "more flexible implementation of protocol arrangements in Northern Ireland".

The big question now is: "Will the new DUP leader continue to encourage the chaos to achieve that end?". There are four potential Foster successors. Edwin Poots, the current Agricultural Minister seems to be the frontrunner. He's described as a pragmatic conservative who has shown willingness to work with Dublin on mutually beneficial issues.

There is an immediate need to appoint a U.S. Special Envoy. Based on the U.S. President's statements, the British government is very aware that what they do in Ireland has direct bearing on the UK/US relationship. The American role in the GFA cannot be underestimated and that leadership role may be needed more today than in 1998.

***WRITE YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE  
TODAY!***



**FORTY years ago Bobby Sands died after 66 days on hunger strike.**

The 27-year-old IRA dissident was incarcerated at HM Prison Maze (also known as Long Kesh) in the north of Ireland following arrest for his involvement in the 1976 bombing of the Balmoral Furniture Company in Dunmurry. He was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment in 1977. Following a precedent set in 1869 Sands lead a group of 22 inmates demanding status as political prisoner as opposed to 'criminal' status. Ten would die.

*Upcoming Division Events*



**Ever-changing Government restrictions make everything tentative!**

***Bingo! Every Thursday and Saturday evening 6:30PM at St Michael the Archangel High School, 6301 Campus Drive, Fredericksburg. Bring the family!***

***May 18<sup>th</sup>: Division meeting begins at 7:30PM***

***June 13<sup>th</sup>: T4T raffle ticket sales at St Patrick Parish. Contact Bob Fitzgerald to help***

***June ? : Virginia AOH State Meeting*** (date & venue TBD (election of State Board officers for the 2021-2023 term)

***July 11<sup>th</sup>: T4T ticket sales at St Patrick Parish – contact Bob Fitzgerald***

***August 8<sup>th</sup>: T4T ticket sales at St Patrick Parish – contact Bob Fitzgerald***

***August 20-23: Virginia AOH State Convention*** in Richmond

**September 12<sup>th</sup>:** T4T ticket sales at St Patrick Parish – contact Bob Fitzgerald

**September 13<sup>th</sup>:** **Shamrock Charity Golf Classic** @ Lake of the Woods Country Club

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** **Halfway to St Patrick Day/T4T drawing** @ Colonel Tavern  
11:30AM-5PM



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*Our DIVISION Prayers*



***Jack Grey chairs the Division Committee of the Sick: Prayer requests should be sent to Jack not later than the Wednesday prior to the business meeting ([RHGrey@yahoo.com](mailto:RHGrey@yahoo.com)//540-373-4496).***

***Pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased Hibernian Brothers. Keep in your prayers our family members and friends:***

- **John Hogan:** pulmonary fibrosis and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma



On April 23d John completed nearly four months of chemotherapy and had the pleasure to “ring the bell”.

- **Peter Carroll:** pancreatic cancer, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Jack Grey:** diagnosed with a protein related blood disorder (not cancer)
- **Joe Daley:** COPD
- **Brian Kiernan:** VAAOH Vice President, lymphedemic edema
- **Loretta Larzelere:** Bob Fitzgerald's sister-in-law suffering seizures and Alzheimer's
- **John O'Brien:** Hugh O'Brien's brother-- recovering from stroke.
- **Jerry O'Brien:** Paul O'Brien's brother – cancer

- **Ruth Pettinger:** Shawn Lenahan's aunt (Vietnam Vet) inoperable brain tumor.
- **Donna Maffeo:** Joe Monaghan's sister-in-law and his father Joseph Sr. care giver for his mother and uncle (dementia/Alzheimer)
- **Nolan Banks:** Former FS Jeff Banks' son (chemo-compromised immune system) *Pray for the intercession of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton:* <http://www.toltoncanonization.org/prayer/canonizationprayer.html>



### *General Meagher Division Attire*

*Every brother should have these articles of clothing:*

***Semi-formal/formal occasions:*** The AOH "uniform" is green sport coat, tri-color sash, white shirt, Irish theme tie, black trousers and optional ball cap. These occasions include AOH Masses, funerals, dinners, parades, State and National conventions, and other public events.

***Informal events*** (i.e. Division outings (ball games, picnics, meetings, etc.) the division logo polo or sweatshirts (optional ball cap) are appropriate.

***Division Logo Items:*** Point of Contact for Division logo polo shirts, sweatshirts and ball caps is Shawn Lenahan ([s\\_lenahan@verizon.net](mailto:s_lenahan@verizon.net))

***Green Jacket:*** Brothers procure their own green jackets. One source: [http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens\\_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html](http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html). Visit the website; call the 800 number; tell them you're with AOH and the \$5.00 small order fee can be waived. Kelly green is the color.

***AOH Sash:*** Brothers procure their own sashes. The AOH tri-color sash represents the national colors of Ireland and should be worn over the right shoulder (green closest to neck/collar) crossing to the left hip. Measure from right shoulder to left hip in inches; keep in mind the sash will normally be worn over a jacket, possibly a raincoat/overcoat (and maybe a growing waistline).

Sashes are available from:

LAOH Sister Patricia Ankrom produces a 7.5-foot sash; Send a personal check for \$60. Turnaround time is about 10 days. The sash will be sent to you via Fed Ex or UPS -- signature required. Her address: Patricia Ankrom, 7400 Airport Dr., Quinton, Va. 23141-2400. Email [traceysbydesign@aol.com](mailto:traceysbydesign@aol.com)

Gettysburg Flag offers tri-color sashes and “special prices” for larger orders. <https://www.gettysburgflag.com/custom/irish-parade-sash>

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